Government for which proposal has been sent to the Planning Commission for getting their 'in principle' approval.

Cold Storage in Tripura

1795. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storages to be constructed in the country during 2004-05;

(b) of these cold storages, how many will belong to Tripura; and

(c) by when the construction works will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a scheme "Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce", in the country including Tripura, through National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous organization under this department. Under the scheme, back-ended capital investment subsidy is provided to the eligible enterpreneurs @ 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakh per project and @ 33.33% of the project cost, upto a ceiling of Rs. 60 lakh per project for North-Eastern States. The scheme is demand based and the project proposal is to come from the eligible enterpreneurs. Under the scheme, 1046 cold storage projects creating a storage capacity of 41.00 lakh MTs have been sanctioned with an eligible back-ended subsidy of Rs. 262.78 crores, upto 31.3.2004. Out of these, two cold storage projects with a capacity of 8000 MT and Rs. 100.00 lakh as subsidy have been sanctioned in the State of Tripura, upto 31.3.2004. During 2004-05, sixty projects have been sanctioned under the Scheme, out of which there is none from Tripura.

KVKs in Chhattisgarh

1796. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to establish Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under Indian Council of Agricultural Research in seven newly created districts in Chhattisgarh during the current year;

(b) if so, the location thereof, district-wise; the funds proposed to be allocated for each KVK in these districts and also for construction of building at KVK, Bilaspur; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) There are 16 districts in Chhattisgarh at present, which include seven old and nine newly created districts. The Indian council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has sanctioned KVKs in three newly created districts, *viz.* Dhamatari, Jangir-Champa and Mahasamund during the current year. As per the sanctioned provision the remaining KVKs are expected to be established by the end of X Plan depending on the availability of land and other logistics.

(b) and (c) The locations of the KVKs in three newly created districts are: *Jarve (Jangir-Champa), Matevesawar (Mahasamund) and* Sahadabari (Dhamatari). An amount of Rs 17.20 lakhs has been allocated during the current financial year for each of these KVKs. An amount of Rs. 11.00 lakhs has been allocated for construction of building at KVK, Bilaspur.

Setting up of agriculture colleges

1797. SHRIMATILAL SARKAR. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agriculture colleges which are going to be set up in different States during the year 2004-05;

(b) whether Government have any plan to set up an agriculture college in Tripura in order to bring to the farmer the advanced knowledge of farming in hilly as well as plain agricultural land;

(c) if so, the programme in detail; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Agriculture being a state subject, establishment of Agricultural Colleges in different states is within the purview of respective State Governments. However, a Central Agricultural University has already been established at Imphal, Manipur to address